ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1917

NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT

Officers of North Easton Village District

For the year ending March 31, 1917

Water Commissioners

OLIVER AMES	Term expires 1917
WILLIAM H. AMES	Term expires 1918
JOHN F. LONG	Term expires 1919

Prudential Committee

PHILIP WILDE CLYDE A. CRAIG
SANDER LARSON

Treasurer

RALPH W. CRAIG

Clerk

RALPH W. CRAIG

Auditors

ARTHUR F. ANDERSON
JOHN A. McNAMARA

Report of Clerk.

North Easton Village District Annual Meeting held Thursday, March 30th, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 4 o'clock, p. m., by Clerk Ralph W. Craig.

James F. Burke was elected Moderator.

Polls opened at 4.10 p. m. and closed at 8.03 p. m.

Result of ballot for District Officers:

Clerk:	
Ralph W. Craig	352 votes
Harold A. Boudreau	131 votes
Treasurer:	
Ralph W. Craig	355 votes
Harold A. Boudreau	129 votes
Prudential Committee:	
Clyde A. Craig	375 votes
Philip P. Wilde	369 votes
Sander Larson	265 votes
John F. Dailey	197 votes
Thomas J. Canan	138 votes
Water Commissioner, 3 years	
John F. Long	352 votes
Chief Engineer Fire Department:	
Frederick Hanlon	407 votes
First Assistant Engineer:	
Patrick J. O'Neil	365 votes
Second Assistant Engineer:	
Daniel F. Lordan	390 votes
Auditors:	
John A. McNamara	403 votes
Arthur F. Anderson	391 votes

Voted to accept reports of District Officers.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

Three thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars eighty cents ($3,439.80) for street lighting purposes.

One thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for removing snow.

Five hundred dollars ($500.00) for miscellaneous expenses.

One thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) for the support of Fire Department.

One thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) for the purpose of employing and paying two police officers and watchmen for ensuing year.

One thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) for the purpose of buying and installing a new pump at the water pumping station.

Two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) for the purpose of building a sidewalk on Baldwin Street from the point where it now ends to a point opposite the residence of Mrs. Emma Monk.

Voted to appropriate $998.44 for building and repairing sidewalks.

Voted that Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in accordance with Article 5.

Voted that the District in future elect its Moderator on official ballot for a term of one year as provided in Chapter 835 of the Acts of 1913.

Voted that the District authorize the Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature for authority to refund $65,000.00 of water bonds of the North Easton Village District which mature in August 1917, with full power to do all acts necessary, to secure the refunding of said indebtedness.

Voted that the Water Commissioners be given the authority to enter into a contract to sell water to a District proposed to be established by House Bill No. 1796 to be known as the Unionville Fire and Water District, provided said proposed District is established.

Voted that the District require the installation of Meters by all consumers using water supplied by the District Water Works and abolish faucet rates.

Voted that each member of Prudential Committee receive a salary of Fifty dollars ($50.) and District Clerk a salary of Twenty ($20.) per year.

Voted that Prudential Committee be instructed to have all work on sidewalks done under specifications.

A motion that water charge be ascertained by the amount of water used, as shown by meter reading, the cost of water to be figured from present rate, was defeated.

Voted to adjourn.

RALPH W. CRAIG,

District Clerk.

Report of Prudential Committee.

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:

We submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1917.

Sidewalks

Appropriation	$998.44
Expended	872.11
Unexpended	126.33

Paid John A. Eak, Contract, Pleasant St.			
213 sq. yds. granolithic walk at @ 1.30		$276.90	
350 ft. granolithic curbing @ .22		77.00	353.90
The following bids were received:			
Holmes & Grant	475.93		
Cornelius Daley	365.16		
John A. Eak	353.90		
Paid A. B. Anderson,			
Repairing sidewalks with cement		7.50	
Graveling " Center Street		31.75	
" " Maple Street		25.38	64.63
Paid Cornelius Daley. For 1915			
Labor repairing sidewalks on Center, Lincoln, Canton, Linden, Main and North Main Streets			
4 hours @ .50		2.00	
8 " @ .34		2.72	
9 1-2 " @ .19 1-2		1.85	6.57
Labor pointing retaining wall, and carting and spreading crushed stone and rolling same on Sheridan Street			
9 hours @ .50		4.50	
34 " @ .34		11.56	
25 1-2 " @ .19 1-2		4.97	
3 bags cement .45		1.35	
1-2 load sand 1.15		.58	22.96

Labor carting and spreading crushed stone on King's Avenue		
14 hours @ .34	4.76	
14 " @ .19 1-2	2.73	7.49
Labor carting and setting stone curbing and building gravel sidewalk on Spooner Street and carting on Jenny Lind St.		
65 hours @ .50	32.50	
127 " @ .34	43.18	
57 1-2 " @ .19 1-2	11.21	
2 1-2 bags cement @ .45	1.12	
Lumber	.50	
Blacksmithing	.42	88.93
		125.95
Paid Holmes & Grant		
Driveway on Jenny Lind Street		
10 sq. yds. @ 1.75	17.50	
Driveway on Spooner Street		
9 sq. yds. @ 1.75	15.75	
Repairing Sidewalk on Spooner St.		
3 sq. yds. @ 1.75	5.25	
Repairing Sidewalk, Main Street		
45 sq. yds. @ 1.75	78.75	
60 ft. curb. @ .45	27.00	
36 1-4 sq. yds. @ 1.65	59.81	
Resetting Curbing, 15 hours @ .55	8.25	
Repairing Walk, Barrows Street		
2 sq. yds. @ 1.35	2.70	
Paid Town of Easton, Road Dept.		
147 1-2 hours @ .30	44.25	
78 " @ .50 single team	39.00	
4 1-2 " @ .62 1-2 double team	2.81	86.06
Paid George W. Bigney, for 24,700 No. 3 crushed stone @ 1.75 per ton	21,56	21.56
Paid Cornelius Buckley, for Spreading crushed stone on Sheridan St.	5.00	5.00
Amount expended		872.11

New Sidewalks

Raised and appropriated for Baldwin St. for gravel sidewalk and cement curbing		250.00
The following bids were received:		
A. B. Anderson	235.95	
Cornelius Dailey	187.00	
Holmes & Grant	159.72	
Paid Holmes & Grant for building a gravel sidewalk on Baldwin St., 340 ft. with a cement curbing		159.72
Unexpended		$ 90.28

Snow Account

Raised and appropriated	$1,000.00
Expended	658.15
Unexpended	341.85

Police and Watchmen

Raised and appropriated	$1,500.00
Expended	1,500.00

Street Lighting

Expended	$3,450.45
Raised and appropriated	3,439.80
Exceeded	10.65

Miscellaneous Expenses

Expended	$ 601.25
Raised and appropriated	500.00
Exceeded	101.25

District Officer's Salaries

Ralph W. Craig, Clerk	$ 20.00
Ralph W. Craig Treasurer	50.00
Philip F. Wilde, Prudential Committee	50.00
Clyde A. Craig, " "	50.00
Sander Larson, " "	50.00
Arthur F. Anderson, Auditor	10.00
John A. McNamara, "	10.00

Election Officers

James F. Burke, Moderator	10.00
Henry McEntee,	3.50
Hobart Anderson,	3.50
Cornelius Harvey,	3.50
Edward Haglund.	3.50
Edward McNamara	3.50
Michael Reardon	3.50
John Eak	3.50
Elisha Ellis	3.50

Expenses

Canton Publishing Company (Ballots)	37.50
Gardner Job Print (Reports)	69.25
Distributing Reports and Team hire	5.00
Equitable Surety Company (Bond)	25.00
Charles F. Gettemy	4.00
Patrick J. O'Neil	2.00
C. S. Ball	2.50
Postage for Treasurer	1.00
Posting Notices	2.00
David J. O'Connell	
To services as Legislative Counsel in the matter of House Bill No. 577, House Bill No. 1796, and Senate Bill No. 418	125.00
To services in negotiating and drafting contract between North Easton Village District and Unionville Fire and Water District	25.00
John A. McNamara	
To services in examining records at State Board of Health, at Registry of Deeds in Taunton, at Office of Town Clerk in Easton, and at Office of Clerk of North Easton Village District, in re Boundaries of North Easton Village District, and interviews with you in re to same	25.00
	$601.25

Appropriations:	Street Lighting	$3,439,80	
	Police and Watchmen	1,500.00	
	Snow	1,000.00	
	Sidewalks	998.44	
	Baldwin Street Walk	250.00	
	Miscellaneous Account	500.00	$7.688.24
Expenditures:	Street Lighting	3,450.00	
	Police and Watchmen	1,500.00	
	Snow	658.15	
	Sidewalks	872.11	
	Baldwin Street Walk	159.72	
	Miscellaneous Account	601.25	7.241.68
	Unexpended		446.56
Unexpended:	Sidewalks	126.33	
	Snow	341.85	
	Baldwin Street Walk	90.28	558.46
Exceeded:	Street Lighting	10.65	
	Miscellaneous Account	101.20	111.90
	Unexpended Balance		446.56

When the law providing for a tax on incomes from intangible property was passed last year, the right of towns and districts to tax this kind of property was taken away from them. While the statute provided for the reimbursement of towns from the proceeds of the income tax for the loss of this right, no provision was made for the reimbursement of districts.

The assessors' valuation of the real estate and tangible personal property of this district is $1,765,810. The assessors' valuation of the intangible personal property of this district is $2,649,100, so that it will be seen that the income tax statute has taken away from us the right to tax more than (1-2) of the tangible property in the district.

As this was a serious matter for the district, having the effect of doubling our tax rate, we deemed it our duty to take some step to protect the district's interests if possible. Consequently, through counsel we have had a bill filed in this year's Legislature seeking to have districts reimbursed from the proceeds of the tax on incomes under the same conditions and on the same principle that towns are now being reimbursed under this statute.

If the town of Easton was performing the same municipal services that the North Easton Village District is now performing, that is to say, lighting the streets, building sidewalks, employing police and furnishing fire protection and water supply, its expenditures for these purposes would be taken into consideration when the amount which it is to receive from the tax or income is computed. The object of our bill is to have the district treated in the same manner.

The bill has had a hearing before the Committee on Taxation, but this Committee has not reported on the bill as yet.

PHILIP P. WILDE
SANDER LARSON
CLYDE A. CRAIG, *Prudential Committee.*

Report of Water Commissioners.

March 12, 1917.

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District:

In accordance with the vote adopted at the last annual District Meeting, your Commissioners have established a connection on Elm Street with the main of the Unionville Fire and Water District. This connection was made at a point opposite the roadway through the Gate Lodge. An 8 inch Hersey Detector Meter was installed at the point of connection at the expense of the Unionville District. This meter, after being connected, was thoroughly tested in the presence of representatives of both Districts, and was found to be accurate.

Your Commissioners also entered into a contract to furnish water to the Unionville District for a period of fifteen years at a price of fifteen cents per thousand gallons, payable quarterly.

Sufficient time has not elapsed to enable us to determine what effect on our water supply the increased pumping for Unionville will have. Our present water supply, as we have previously informed you, is none too abundant, especially during dry periods and cases of emergency. During the quarter beginning October 1st, 1916, and ending December 31st, 1916, the Unionville District consumed 705,364 gallons of water. During the period from January 1st, 1917, to March 10, 1917, Unionville consumed 342,000 gallons. This, of course, does not cover that portion of the year when the heaviest demand is made on the Water Works.

Early in the spring we will secure expert advice to the end that we may add to our present supply of pure water, without danger of contamination, to meet any emergency that may arise when the load on the Water Works will be heavy. From information we have already received, we are led to believe that the expense of securing an additional supply will not be very large. With the idea of obtaining an additional supply, during the fall of 1916, we had an 8 inch well bored near the Pumping Station at a point which was considered by well experts a favorable location. This well was sunk to a depth of 140 feet, but as it only yielded eight gallons per minute at that depth, and the character of the rock remained unchanged, it was not thought best to continue work on it.

The new water rates which went into effect on October 1st, 1916, are based on the report of Henry N. Greeley, Certified Public Accountant, which report is herewith submitted. We hope that under an all meter basis the rates will be sufficient to pay all charges under normal conditions, and that eventually a further reduction in the rates can be made as our bond interest is reduced. Just at present the unprecedented price of coal will make some difference in Mr. Greeley's estimates, but we do not believe it will prevent our earning some surplus.

A bill has passed the Legislature which authorizes us to refund $65,000 of District Water Bonds which mature in August, 1917. This bill also gives us authority to issue $15,000 more bonds, making the total amount authorized $80,000. We asked for authority to issue the $15,000 additional bonds so that we might have something in the treasury to assist us in taking care of any emergency that might arise in the future such as, perhaps, the erection of a new standpipe or the replacing of some of our mains. These additional bonds would not be used except as emergency required, and then only by vote of the District.

We will install a meter in the line between the standpipe and the pumping station to record accurately the quantity of water pumped.

The standpipe will have to be painted and cleaned this year.

In the year 1916 an extension of 331 feet of 4 inch pipe was laid on Maple Street, which runs westerly from Seaver Street.

It is gratifying to know that in every instance where we have uncovered or cut into the mains in different parts of the District, their condition has proved to be excellent. We do not feel that there will be any trouble from our mains except perhaps on Main Street between the rockery and McFarland's greenhouse, owing to the electric car tracks being near them, which may produce electrolysis and materially shorten their life.

Mr. Greeley's Report.

MR. WILLIAM H. AMES,
WATER COMMISSIONER,
NORTH EASTON, MASS.

DEAR SIR:—

In accordance with your instructions, I have examined the books of the water board, and also the printed annual report of your board for the past five years, for the purpose of determining as near as possible the lowest safe and conservative rate at which you can sell water in your district, with all consumers using water through meters.

As there is no way of telling just how much water the present faucet takers are consuming or will use under a meter service, or how much income you will derive from the sale of water to Unionville, it is impossible to determine the exact total income and consequently the amount of income used in these figures is obliged to be an estimated one.

Private water companies are obliged under the present law to make an annual return to the State Board of Gas & Elec. Lt. Commissioners and I find on looking over the published annual report of this board, that a majority of the companies are using a sliding scale of prices basing the same on cubic feet used.

As I understand the meters used in your district register cubic feet and not gallons I would recommend that you take cubic feet as your unit of charge and not gallons as you now do.

I would also recommend the adoption of a sliding scale of prices, as follows:—$8.40 for 4000 cubic ft. or less as a minimum annual charge, for the next 16000 cu. ft. 20 cents per 100, for the next 30000 cu. ft. 18 cents per 100, for the next 100000 cu. ft. 16 cents per 100, for the next 150000 cu. ft. 14 cents per 100. Over 300000 cu. ft. special rates to be given.

In arriving at the above schedule of rates, I used for expenses an average of yearly expenses for the past five years as shown by your reports, to which I have added 10% for contingencies, interest on bonds and a redemption charge on account of bonds of $2000 a year.

In making up the estimated income, I have figured on the actual consumption of water by the present meter takers for 1915. Leaving out the very large consumers I find that only about 30% of the consumers used more than the minimum quantity to be allowed un-

der the proposed $8.40 rate, and so in estimating the amount of water that would be used by the faucet takers I have used this per centage in arriving at the estimated income from water used in excess of minimum. I have also applied the same rule for the estimated 60 consumers from Unionville excepting one very large consumer estimated separately.

For detail of estimated expenses and income see Schedule A & B attached.

Schedule C shows the present water takers and the quantity used by them in 1915 with proposed new rates by cubic feet and gallons.

In billing the water used, you should charge for the quantity used each quarter at the rate under which the quantity used belongs and at the close of the year if they have paid in excess more than they should you can give a rebate on their next bill.

In your statement of Assets and Liabilities as published in your annual report, I note that the amount of accounts receivable are not given. I would recommend that this amount be shown in your list of assets.

I believe that your present system of accounting might be improved upon by the use of a loose leaf meter book register. I think it might be well to keep a ledger with open accounts to conform to the accounts now required by the State Board of private corporations.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) HENRY N. GREELEY.
C. P. A.

SCHEDULE A

Estimated Expenses.

Based on an Average of Five Years.

Operating Expenses,	$3,116.80
Repairs,	252.67
Mdse. and Meters,	958.81
	4,328.28
Less Mdse. and Meters sold,	345.35
	3,982.93
Add 10% for contingencies,	398.29
	4,381.22
Interest on Bonds, 4% on $60000,	2,400.00
Sinking Fund to Retire Bonds,	2,000.00
	$8,781.22

SCHEDULE B

Estimated Income.

Based on 1915 Consumption.

368 Meter takers at minimum rate of $8.40	$3,091.20
300 Faucet takers to be changed to meters at minimum rate of 8.40	2,520.00
Excess consumption:—	
523877 cu. ft. at 20c per 100 cu. ft.	1,047.60
175030 " " 18c " " "	315.00
207690 " " 16c " " "	332.16
149770 " " 14c " " "	209.58
Special rates: —	
N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R.	
1495100 cu. ft. at 11 1-4c per 100	1,681.98
Unionville, 59 meters at an average of 3250 cu. ft. each =to 191750 cu. ft. at 11 1-4c per 100	215.66
" 1 estimated at 133333 cu. ft. at 11 1-4c per 100	150.00
Interest on deposits, average per year for five years	260.95
	$9,824.13
Expense as per Schedule A	8,781.22
Balance Profit	$1,042.91

SCHEDULE C

Gallons Used by Meter Takers in 1916, and Proposed New Rates

Meter Takers	Gallons Used	Cubic Feet	Rate per 1000 Gallons
	$8.40 *for* 4000 *cu. ft. or less per annum*		*28c*
15	7500 or less	1000 or less	
53	7500 –15000	1000—2000	
93	15000— 22500	2000 –3000	
90	22500 – 30000	3000—4000	
251			
	20c *per* 100 *cu. ft. for next* 16000 *cu. ft.*		*26 14-15c*
55	30000—37500	4000—5000	
23	37500 –45000	5000—6000	
14	45000 52500	6000 –7000	
4	52500 - 60000	7000—8000	
1	60000 67500	8000—9000	
1	67500 - 75000	9000–10000	
6	75000-150000	10000–20000	
104			
	18c *per* 100 *cu. ft. for next* 30000 *cu. ft.*		*25 13-75c*
3	150000–225000	20000–30000	
2	225000–300000	30000–40000	
2	300000–375000	40000–50000	
7			
	16c *per* 100 *cu. ft. for next* 100000 *cu. ft.*		*22 138-225c*
1	675000–750000	90000 –100000	
1	750000–900000	100000–120000	
2			
	14c *per* 100 *cu. ft. for next* 150000 *cu. ft.*		*20 144-225c*
1	1875000–2250000	200000–300000	

Over 300000 cu. ft. special rates.

From the above figures it will be seen that the minimum rate is reduced from ten dollars for 33333 gallons to eight dollars and forty cents for 4000 cubic feet, or 30000 gallons. This is a reduction from thirty cents to twenty cents per 1000 gallons.

In making these rates, I believe I have been very conservative and have no doubt that in a few years, with the annual reduction in interest charges, due to the annual redemption of $2000 of bonds, and the probable increase of water consumption, that you will be able to make a still further reduction in the minimum rate.

FEBRUARY 28, 1917.

Statement.

Cash on hand March 1, 1916	$10,775.85	
Rec'd from Faucet Service	1,307.75	
" Meter "	7,641.75	
" Sale of Meters and Mdse.	1,997.33	
" Interest on Deposit	430.62	$22,173.30
Paid for Operating Expenses	3,979.11	
" Repairs	1,625.51	
" Meters and Mdse.	3,039.84	
" Interest on Bonds	2,600.00	
" Boring Well	670.00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1917	10,258.84	22,173.30

Operating Expense Account.

Rec'd from Faucet Service	1,307.75	
" Meter "	7,641.75	8,949.50
Paid Engineer	1,200.00	
" L. B. Crockett, Engineer	48.00	
" Clerk	400.00	
" Joseph E. Anderson, Reading Meters	75.00	

Paid	M. L. Cobb, Coal	731.01
"	Eagle Oil & Supply Co., Oils and Supplies	31.86
"	Thos. A. O'Connor, Envelopes	50.67
"	Sumner & Gerald, Supplies	6.84
"	D. F. Buckley, Legal Services	100.00
"	Am. Steam Packing Co., Packing	20.55
"	O'Connor's News Store, Supplies	2.00
"	Adams Express Co.	4.49
"	Ernest L. Spooner, Ink	.65
"	H.N.Hartwell & Son, Coal	329.38
"	N. Y., N. H. & H., R. R., Freight	155.44
"	Ames Shovel & Tool Co.	8.36
"	A. B. Anderson, Labor on Extension and at Pumping Station	189.83
"	Gardner Job Print	34.84
"	E. B. & C. L. Hayward, Surveying	15.00
"	E. E. Kelley, Supplies	6.45
"	John J. McCarthy Co., Carting	121.48
"	G. Ferullo & Co., Labor	36.50
"	Walworth Mfg.Co.,Supplies	1.30
"	Am. Steam Gauge and Valve Mfg. Co.	6.00
"	Buffalo Meter Co., Record Books	15.00
"	John Lordan, Labor	9.63
"	Henry N. Greeley, C.P.A.	125.00
"	Con Dailey, Labor on Renewals, New Connections and Extension	232.85
"	Geo. H. DeWitt & Son	1.08
"	Ames Shovel & Tool Co. Store, Supplies	6.60
"	Telephone, Car Fares and Supplies	13.30
		3979.11

Mdse. used in account of New Connections and Renewals	93.04	4,072.15

Repairs.

Paid Geo. H. DeWitt & Son	3.56	
" Warren Steam Pump Company	1,356.14	
" Ames Sword & Tool C.	2.80	
" Keith & Thompson	18.44	
" Walworth Mfg. Co.	3.77	
" Con Dailey	4.17	
" John Baldwin	25.13	
" Arthur F. Eastman	1.50	1,425.51

Interest.

Paid Interest on Bonds	2,600.00		
Less Received from Interest on Deposit	459.62	2,149.38	7,847.04
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures			1,102.46

Merchandise Account.

Paid Henry R. Worthington Meters	75.60	
" National Meter Co., Meters	94.50	
" Sumner & Gerald, Fittings	53.83	
" Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., Pipe and Fittings	57.27	
" Hersey Mfg. Co., Meters	2,560.46	
" Braman, Dow & Co., Pipe	154.39	
" The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., Hydrant, Valves and Valve Boxes	43.79	3,039.84
Mdse. transferred to Operating Expenses	93.04	

Mdse. & Meters Sold	1,997.33		
Mdse. used on Extension	193.07	2,283.44	756.40

Extensions.

Maple Street, 331 ft. 4 in. Pipe Labor and Mdse.	368.90	

Financial Condition.

Original Plant	75,414.57	
Extensions	19,471.88	
Reservoir	11,158.40	
Merchandise	2,252.64	
Deposit North Easton Savings Bank	4,000.00	
Cash	10,258.84	122,556.33

Bond Account.

Bonds Due Aug. 1, 1917	65,000

Bond Holders.

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	35,000	
North Easton Savings Bank	30,000	65,000

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. AMES
OLIVER AMES
JOHN F. LONG
Water Commissioners.

We have examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners and found the same correct.

JOHN A. McNAMARA
ARTHUR F. ANDERSON

Report of Fire Engineers.

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:

The Board of Engineers of the North Easton Fire Department submit the following report·

During the year 1916, the fire department of this district has answered thirty-six bell and telephone alarms. The total property loss within the district amounted to $3025; number of feet of hose laid at fires, 1350; gallons of chemical used, 250.

In past years considerable difficulty has been experienced in procuring horses for the movement of our ladder truck, and in order to provide a piece of apparatus that could be moved quickly in case of a fire happening in the district, with the town truck in some other part of the town at a fire, your board purchased a car with engine power of the same size as the town motor truck, and the men of the department rebuilt and tractorized the truck, putting at the disposal of the district a piece of apparatus which cannot be duplicated to-day for less than $5000.00, at a total cost of $750.00.

This year we are in a position where we will have the added expense of payment of rent for use of room occupied by striking machine for bell alarm. We advise the payment of this rental rather than to put the district to the expense of buying a bell or installing a whistle at the present high cost of material and labor.

We ask an appropriation of $1600.00 for care and maintenance of Fire Department.

FREDERICK HANLON,
PATRICK J. O'NEIL,
DANIEL F. LORDON.
Board of Engineers.

Receipts and Expenditures, North Easton Fire Department.

Receipts.

Appropriation	$1,500.00

Expenditures.

E. F. Winslow, Linework & Electrical Supplies	$ 52.30	
Cadillac Auto Co., 1 Pope Hartford Car	500.00	
Motor Accessories Co., Tires	100.00	
Lunden Steel Casting Co., Castings	6.45	
L. Richmond Co., Paint	11.15	
J. J. McCarthy Co., Coal	200.05	
George H. DeWitt, Lumber and Labor	75.36	
E. E. Kelley, Supplies and Repairs	27.75	
Janitor Service,	100.00	
F. E. Blake & Co., Extinguisher and Supplies	21.30	
J. R. Field, Batteries	1.75	
Carlson Bros., Rails and Guards	79.83	
Ames Shovel and Tool Co., Material and Labor	50.10	
" " " " " Store, Supplies	15.00	
Howe Auto Elec. Co., Repairs	12.15	
J. McFarland, Supplies	10.00	
E. B. Swift, Paint and Labor	41.25	
G. F. Kendall, Woodwork	1.25	
W. H. & N. Jones, Repairs	9.60	
E. L. Spooner, Supplies	3.90	
Donahoe & Harlow, "	2.20	
Dineen & Co., "	.54	
Barry & Walker, Express	.25	
F. J. Jameson, Brushes	10.75	
D. F. Lordon, Services as Engineer	25.00	
A. F. Eastman, Repairs on Clock	3.00	
Edison Elec. Ill. Co., Supplies and Light	81.12	
James Lehan, " and Labor	43.20	
Grether Fire Equip. Co., "	13.95	1,499.20
Unexpended Balance		.80

Report of Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1917.

Receipts.

To account on hand April 1, 1916	$ 998.44	
Loan	4,500.00	
Taxes, 1916	9,443.84	
" 1915	91.61	
" 1914	9.46	$15,043.35

Expenditures.

By Police	1,500.00	
By Street Lighting	3,450.45	
By Removing Snow	658.15	
By Fire Department	1,499.20	
By Miscellaneous Expenses	601.25	
By Baldwin Street	159.72	
By Loan and Discount	4,568.82	
By Sidewalks	872.11	13,309.70
Balance on hand April 1, 1917		1,733.65

R. W. CRAIG
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found the same to be correct.

JOHN A. McNAMARA
ARTHUR F. ANDERSON
Auditors.